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### **Interstate and International Adoptions**

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ICPC Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time Zone.

**FAX:** (803) 898-7897 Call **before faxing any documents.**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ICPC Code Citation. Children's Code, SC 1976 Code of Laws amended. Secs. 20-7-1980 et. seq. through 20-7-2070.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Specific penalties not defined.

Age of Majority. 18 years.

Court Jurisdiction. Family Court of county of residence of petitioners. Non-residents may adopt in SC at discretion of Court.

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### **REQUIREMENTS**

Reports. Foster Care—Quarterly unless otherwise requested. Adoption— Prior to placement and no later than 30 days after placement. Adoption to be consummated by end of 6 months. Reports due prior to adoption hearing. Exception: Timing of reports and consummation of special needs children adoption.

Licensing Requirements. See the following sections for information: “Approval of Facilities” and “Requirements for Foster Care Placements.”

### **PLACEMENTS**

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful, South Carolina Children’s Code.

Special Adoption Information Required. Social, medical, and legal documents must be forwarded to Deputy Compact Administrator: (1) Set of 100 A’s for each child; (2) Birth Family’s Social/Medical Information; (3) At least one Birth Parent’s consents. If both birth parents have not surrendered or have rights terminated, documentation of the attempts to locate and protect the rights to the birth parent.; (4) Documentation of Compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act; (5) Court Findings of Unusual or Exceptional Circumstances for SC Birth Child being adopted by out of state residents; (6) Adoptive Family’s Pre-Placement Investigation; (7) Copies of adoptive Family’s Background Checks (Child Abuse/Neglect Clearances, State Criminal History Checks, Sexual Offenders Checks); (8) Official hospital birth report (labor and delivery/discharge summary); (9) Fee disclosure statement.

Residential Placements.

- Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Placements made by private/public agencies, courts, and in specific instances, parents, when such placements fall within guidelines set by the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

- Requirements for Placements: ICPC-100A and Child’s Summary required.

- Approval of Facilities: Facilities not legally exempt from licensing and those exempt facilities that voluntarily seek licensing are licensed by SC DSS on a two-year basis. Licensing information may be obtained by contacting the Division of Human Services at (803) 898-7561.

- Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility of sending agency unless SC agrees prior to placement to assist with monitoring.

- Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Placement should be in child’s best interest at a facility appropriate for child’s needs, and in a licensed or legally exempt facility. The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children must be followed.

Requirements for Foster Care Payments. Foster homes are subject to licensing according to standards set by DSS. Code of Laws 43-15-30. DSS is mandated to license foster family homes, residential child caring facilities, group care homes, institutions, and child placing agencies unless these agencies are exempt by statute.

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### **PAYMENTS**

TANF Payments The TANF program in South Carolina is named Family Independence. Children who live with a relative may qualify for Family Independence if income and resources directly available to them are less than the standard. Children must be residents of South Carolina to receive benefits.

Medicaid Payments Out-of-state Medicaid for eligible children may be accepted by local medical providers by prior contractual agreement. Medicaid information may be obtained by contacting the Department of Health and Human Services (803) 898-2500 or toll-free 1-888-549-0820.

Foster Care Payments South Carolina Board rates apply to out-of-state placements. These rates are based on the child's age and set by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Special Education Payments South Carolina does not have a policy regarding special education payments.

### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Child Abuse Registry/Hotline Referral may be made to DSS by calling (803) 898-7318 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. There is not a toll free number.

Interstate Compact on Juveniles Dawn Gannon, Deputy Compact Administrator, SC Department of Juvenile Justice, POB 21069, Columbia, SC 29221. Telephone: (803) 896-9351.

Interstate Compact on Mental Health/Mental Retardation Mental Health: C. Edgar Spenser, Interstate Coordinator, SC Department of Mental Health, 2424 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29202. Telephone: (803) 898-8579. Mental Retardation: Joan Hummel, Director of Admissions, SC Department of Mental Retardation, POB 4706, Columbia, SC 29240. Telephone: (803) 898-9691.